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PIPE UTILIZING A MULTI-POINT INITIATION

EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text in bold.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.